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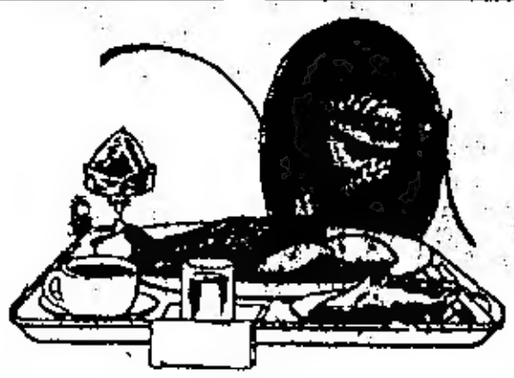

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LATE NEWS DISPATCHES

ARABS POGROMIZE; JEWS BLAMED

London (J. P. A.)—Reports from Jerusalem state that in Galilee a band of Arabians attacked an Arabian village, wrecking property and carrying off with them cattle and other valuable property.

This very fact, so eloquent in its description of the pacific character of the Arabians, is being used by the militant party of the Arabian press to incite hatred against the Jews. The British High Commissioner, Sir Herbert Samuel, who is a Jew, is accused of being unconcerned with the protection of the lives and property of the Arabians, and of partiality in permitting Jewish colonists to possess arms, while denying the same rights to the Arabs.

ANTISEMITIC DEPUTY DEFRAUDS EMIGRANTS

Warsaw (J. P. A., by mail)—The trial of the well-known Antisemite and member of the Polish Seim, Okon, is to take place in the very near future. He is charged with having defrauded emigrants by taking money from them, promising in return to secure the vise of their passports by the American consul, so as to enable them to emigrate there. But he neither secured them their vises, nor did he return the money taken from them.

Okon is the deputy from West Galicia, who came into prominence in the year 1918 by his active participation in the organization and staging of pogroms against the Jews of that district.

JEWISH DOCTORS BOYCOTTED IN POLAND

Warsaw (J. P. A., by mail)—A new association has recently been formed here, organized for the purpose of conducting a systematic campaign of boycotting all Jewish doctors, dentists and druggists. The program of the new excrescence contemplates the bringing of pressure to bear upon the Medical Journal to refuse the publication of all articles written by Jewish doctors, as well as the prohibition of the admission of any Jewish students into the medical universities of Poland.

ANOTHER SETBACK FOR ARAB DELEGATION

London (J. P. A.)—After much effort the Arab delegation finally prevailed upon Churchill, Minister of Colonies, that he should give them another audience, even though it be in the form of an unofficial and private character.

The interview was of very short duration, they not even being invited to sit down, but remaining standing throughout. To pacify the Arab population, apprehensive of the Jewish colonization of Palestine, the spokesman of the delegation asked Mr. Churchill to amplify and clarify the Balfour declaration by issuing an official interpretation of it, such as Sir Herbert Samuel, the British High Commissioner, has made.

At this, Mr. Churchill interrupted and said that no further interpretation was necessary, as Samuel was a duly authorised spokesman of the British government, and as such was entitled to the confidence of all inhabitants of Palestine.

NATIONAL FUND BUYS MORE LAND IN PALESTINE

London (J. P. A.)—It is reported that the "National Fund" has completed negotiations for purchase of a large tract of land in Galilee. Details are unknown yet.

NEW JEWISH OPERA PRODUCED

Bucharest (J. P. A.)—In Klausenburg, the capital of Zeebenberg, there was recently staged a new Jewish opera, written by the Jewish composer, Nicolai Brodi, who is the head conductor of the local Opera House. The play is named "Tamar," and its entire content is of historic Jewish import; the music of the opera is also oriental and Jewish in its tone. The local press speaks very highly of this production, and it is certain that it will be soon produced in the Bucharest Opera House.

FRANCE HONORS JEWISH IMMIGRANTS' SCHOOL

Paris (J. P. A., by mail)—The French Academy of Science awarded the greatest honor and most coveted prize of the year, to the local Jewish Trade School, most of whose pupils are immigrant children.

London (J. P. A.)—Lord Reading, the British High Commissioner in India, in a recent interview, outlined his plans for the government of India. He declared himself in favor of liberalizing the administration of India, and granting so far as possible the demands of the India Political Movement. In this he is opposed by his assistant, Sir Montague, who defends and would continue the existing mode of administration in India.

London (J. P. A.)—The conference of Bulgarian Kehillahs recently held at Sofia, elected Rabbi Ponizil of Jerusalem as the Chief Rabbi of Bulgaria.

Rabbi Ponizil is a member of the rabbinate council of Jerusalem. Dr. Mordecai Ehrenpreiz, the present Chief-Rabbi of Sweden, was his predecessor at Sofia until a few years ago, since which time there had been a vacancy in the office of Chief Rabbi.

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JEWRY AND JUDAISM

An Analysis and Synthesis

BY BARNETT R. BRICKNER

"One world dead—the other powerless to be born."

THAT there can be no living Judaism without the living Jewish people is a universally accepted thesis.

The fundamental problem of the Jew to-day is one of survival through adjustment. This problem of adjustment has ever been the issue of the Jew in the Diaspora. Latterly, since the Jew in Europe and America has come under the régime of the Democratic State, it has been more keen than at any other time. This has been especially true for those Jews who wish to survive as Jews, and lead a Jewish life in thought and in practice, whilst sharing fully in the citizenship of the countries of their adoption or birth.

An analysis of the Jews in United States and Canada indicates a remarkable heterogeneity of views and social attitude and hence in mode of organization. It reveals itself best in the variety of group affiliations which Jews affect along religious, fraternal, educational, cultural, philanthropic, recreational, social and even economic lines. This in spite of the fact that the Jew interacts freely and fully with his non-Jewish neighbors in every aspect of the general life, of which he considers himself an organic part.

Amalgamationist vs. Preservationist

Roughly speaking, the Jews in the United States and Canada may be divided into two great classes:

(a) Those who wish to make every effort to continue to remain Jews.

(b) Those who feel the task either hopeless or unnecessary and undesirable, and who wish to cease to be Jews and become swallowed up or merged in the life of their neighbors.

Though there are no statistics available in regard to the relative proportion in each group above described, it may be safely stated that, judging from the numerous forms and varieties of Jewish organized self-expression, that the second group is in the hopeless minority.

This group which wishes to see the Jews and Judaism disappear may be further analyzed into two groups:

(a) Those who wish to make the transition from the Jewish to the non-Jewish mode of living and thinking rapidly and in the course of their own lifetime; and

(b) Those who feel that this process of assimilation and fusion should be gradual, lest it prove dangerous to the Jews as well as harmful to the welfare of the country in which they live. For a rapid transition ofttimes leads to license and disaster.

The group of Jews in this country who desire an immediate fusion proceed by cutting themselves off in every way from Jewish group life, and as individuals seek affiliation and intercourse with non-Jews through religious, social and cultural means. Intermarriage is regarded as the shortest and most desirable method of amalgamation and fusion.

The second group mentioned under this category, realizing the social dangers and physical impossibility which would result from an immediate fusion, proceeds more cautiously. They remain affiliated members of Jewish group life, participating especially in the philanthropic movements with the view of protecting the Jews from falling below the level of self-respect and self-support, and thereby preventing a slum tendency from developing among their people. They support liberally the philanthropic institutions dealing particularly with the abnormal and palliative phase of Jewish life. Believing in the ultimate fusion of all religious and ethnic groups, they see no reason to support the normal, constructive phases of Jewish life such as religious, educational and cultural institutions which aim at the preservation of the Jew and Judaism. Members of this group are prompted in their philanthropic activities in some instances by family traditions, and pride, or act in imitation of the non-Jews who also support similar phases of work. Even when affiliated with the synagog they are lukewarm or indifferent members.

In contradistinction to the amalgamationist, there are the living masses of the living Jewish people who prompted by a natural, almost instinctive will to live, do all in their power to perpetuate Jewish life and its values. They contend with the best thinkers that the Democratic State not only permits but also regards favorably the preservation of what is best in the history, religion, culture and traditions of each ethnic group that feels self-conscious and wishes to continue living as a part of the general population, provided the laws of the land are free and just. They are desirous of making a specific Jewish contribution to the synthetic culture of the country they live in. This they believe can best be accomplished through their adjustment to the new and unchangeable factors in their environment. Their outlook prompts them to regard all phases of Jewish life as a part of a communal scheme tending to the perpetuation of the Jew and Judaism.

Among this group the Jews of America divide into three divisions, all differing as to the question, "what to preserve in the Jewish heritage and how to adjust this heritage to their surroundings."

(a) Those who regard the preservation of the Jew in the Diaspora to be possible only along religious lines.

(b) Those who assert that the Jews of the Diaspora are doomed to complete absorption, and only in Palestine developed as a Jewish autonomous homeland, can the Jew and Judaism be saved for themselves and the world.

(c) Those who believe that the Jew is destined to perpetuate himself in all parts of the world, Palestine included, but that this development should proceed along ethnic, political and cultural lines rather than limit itself to merely the religious phase.

There is, of course, much overlapping and duplication to be found in the analysis above given. This is due rather to the character of the phenomena that we are studying than to the analytical method of this discussion. Qualitative psychical data that are constantly evolving can not be rigidly analyzed. To the first group, i.e., Religionist, belong the Orthodox, Reform and Conservative wings in Judaism; to the second group, the Zionists and Hebraists; to the third group, the Poale Zion, the Bundists, the Yiddishists, the Hebraists and the Decentralized Nationalists.

But the masses of the Jewish people make no academic distinction between religion and nationality. Among the groups which regard the Jews as a religious body, there are many who also maintain that the Jews are a nation. The extreme nationalists, stressing what are commonly called the cultural and Hebraic elements of Jewish life, such as the Hebrew language and literature, historic consciousness and group life outside of the synagog. The extreme nationalists would consider the Jews a secular ethnic body, similar in every way to any other of the existing nationalities.

Religious Parties in Judaism

The Religionists, whether they be called Orthodox Reform or Conservative, have for their specific objective, the perpetuation of the religious values of the Jewish heritage. They all stand aligned to foster and develop those expressions and forms of Jewish life which are subsumed under, and radiate out of the temple and synagog. They emphasize the religious customs and ritual of home, family and community.

The variations between Orthodox, Reform and Conservative Judaism take their rise in differences of training, environment and temperament of their adherents. The differences are caused by the answer to the query: "What is worth preserving in the Jewish religious heritage, and how can it best be conserved and developed?"

The Reform group places its greatest emphasis on the spiritual and prophetic phases of Judaism, and tends to minimize the observance of those forms and ritual which have lost or have no ethical significance and which are the direct result of the ghetto and persecution or the products of an ancient civilization which we have outgrown. The Orthodox states that it is the traditional life as we inherited it from past generaitons and as it is codified in the Talmud, Schulchan Aruch and later Rabbinic Codes, that they wish to preserve. The Conservative party, rather vaguely defined, emphasizes "the need for historic continuity of Jewish ideals and forms . . . and aims at the perpetuation of the tenets of the Jewish religion . . ." Concerning them all, we are told that "they are each the word of the living God."

There is much confusion in Jewish religious thinking and religious practice, even within party confines. There is also a lack of uniformity and standardization. Frequently, too, we are struck by the characteristic Kantian dualism of Numenal and Phenomenal worlds in which the adherents of those parties live as regards their belief and practices, with the result that their theory and practice seldom, if ever, coincide.

It is a fact oft lamented in Jewish life that many among the younger generation of academically trained Jews feel themselves somewhat out of accord and dissatisfied with the traditional theology of the different parties. They are represented in that group who regard religion as a social and psychological process, a developmental phenomena growing out of and answering to a real instinctive social need. Religion to them is dependent upon, and responsive to, the changing evolutionary character of the society in which it functions. motivated by this conception, they can not accept *in toto* either the theology or the rituals of the religious parties to which they are expected to subscribe.

Though many of these young people are not to be found in the synagog, it is unfair to accuse them of irreligiosity or lack of spirituality. Most of them are intensely religious in the true sense of that term, drawing a distinction between Religion and Ecclesiasticism. They feel the throb of the universal religious impulse and believe in the existence and rulership of a great cosmic God who teleologically guides the destinies of the Universe, in the direction of progress and added happiness for mankind. But they are compelled to reject many of the accepted traditional theological notions, e.g., Personal Deity, the literal inspiration of the Bible and Prophecy, the older conceptions of Soul, Retribution, Divine Providence, Prayer, etc., as well as much of the ritual and ceremonial, which they find devoid of ethical content and inconsistent with modern science.

They find fault with much of Jewish theology and ecclesiasticism, whether it be in the guise of Reform, Orthodox or Conservative Judaism. Too much of it is formulated deductively rather than inductively. It does not seem to square with the thought processes of Western culture, with which they are imbued, and which they cannot desert. They are worshipful followers of the Cartesian principle, "not to believe that which our minds do not clearly perceive to be true." Modern culture and its thought processes have become bone of their bone and flesh of their flesh.

If the thinking Jews are to be saved for Judaism, they demand the social and psychological approach to Judaism rather than the deductive method of theological metaphysics pursued by the theologians of a bygone age.

Many, finding themselves out of tune with the faiths and practices of

(*To be Continued*)

ODD BITS

The Rose Chapter of the Hadassah made $6,000 for the Jewish Philanthropies when "It Pays to Advertise" was performed under its auspices. Why then are such organizations as the Hadassah called auxiliaries?

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Do you ever send any goodies to the Girls' Club on McCaul Street? Little girls come there every day after school and dance and play. They used to bring two cents each for cocoa and biscuits, but times are hard and sometimes there isn't any two cents to take along. They get their cocoa and biscuits anyway, but some one back of the scenes is making an effort to keep this up because funds are scarce at the Girls' Club. How about it?

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The Toronto Globe let us know recently that a certain company mixed up in the crash of the Merchants Bank in Montreal was a Jewish manufacturing concern. This gratuitous information is always plentiful where Jews are concerned, but there's none in stock when there is anything unsavory about the career of a Scotch Presbyterian or an English Episcopalian.

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Have you ever noticed that those who are loudest in their protests against social Antisemitism as manifested by Gentile clubs, etc., etc., are the busiest in discriminating against some clique among their co-religionists? Or against some family because they live in the "wrong" neighborhood? If your answer is "yes," then you believe with us that there is such a thing as Antisemitism in the heart of Jewry itself. It is true that families of true refinement are so accustomed to their status that they never worry about "climbers." They leave that for the nouveau riche, who give themselves dead away by their protestations.

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The best joke we know of right now is a line in the Canadian Jewish Chronicle which proclaims itself "the only Anglo-Jewish newspaper in Canada." T-t-tut !

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This column is conducted by F.F.C.—help, help, help! Don't send anything anonymously, though. That's not nice. Oh, yes, a pseudonym will be all right. And make it snappy and to the point.

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Tell everyone you see that Henry Ford has dropped his anti-Jewish campaign. They won't know otherwise, because no one read the stuff to speak of. We always knew it was nothing to get apoplexy over and that it would gradually peter out.

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DO YOU REMEMBER 25 YEARS AGO WHEN?:

Rabbi Lazarus resigned from the Holy Blossom Synagogue to go to Houston, Texas, and how in his five years of service in Toronto, one of his missions was to teach the Gentiles that Jews are Canadians as well as Jews.

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The Toronto Jewish Social and Literary Union was founded. At one of the first meetings, Mrs. H. G. Levetus opened a discussion on "Prohibition," and I. Benjamin talked on the prohibition law in Kansas City. Other speakers in the discussion were Messrs. H. King, M. J. Singer, H. Lazarus, A. Wertheim, E. Youngheart and E. M. Cohen. At a later meeting Mr. Leo Frankel was the honor guest. Mrs. L. Rosenthal recited, Mrs. B. Woolf and Mrs. M. Frankel read, and Messrs. Simonski and Edw. Cohen took part in a discussion on "Kipling and Imperialism." Mr. Wertheim sang "Mandelay."

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Sydney Loeser, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Loeser, was bar mitzvah. He lives in Buffalo, but his parents still live here at 119 Wellesley Crescent.

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Sir Mortimer Davis, then just plain Mortimer Davis, was married to Miss Henrietta M. Meyer in San Francisco. They went to live in Montreal after an Eastern wedding trip.

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Jews all over the world were so exercised over the Dreyfus case.

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The McGill Avenue Synagog opened the day school for Hebrew and religious instruction in Montreal.

F.F.C.

Dominion Correspondence

EDMONTON

On Sunday, February 5, the funeral took place of Mr. Jacob Polsky, a large majority of the Edmonton community being present to pay their last respects. The deceased succumbed Friday afternoon after an operation of appendicitis and a later development of pneumonia. His loss is keenly felt in Edmonton and all sympathy extended to his widow.

Mr. William Levine has left for a four weeks' trip east, with his destination, New York.

The marriage took place on Sunday, February 12, of Miss Pearl Newhouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Newhouse, to Mr. R. Cohen, of South Edmonton. The Rev. Mr. Pinsky officiated. Just previous to her marriage Miss Newhouse was the recipient of many delightful afternoons, dinners and showers.

A masquerade dance is to be given by the Young Jewish Literary Society on February 23, in the Separate School Hall.

One of the most successful socials yet held by the Young Jewish Literary Society was that of January 28 in the Zionist club-rooms. An enjoyable program was followed by dancing and refreshments. The program consisted of a humorous reading by Mr. Claude Greenberg, a violin solo by Mr. Lyons, while Mr. George Goldstein ably rendered an interesting recitation.

OTTAWA

At a largely attended sewing circle, under the auspices of the Hadassah Chapter of Ottawa, held on Tuesday last, at the residence of Mrs. A. H. Coplan, 7 Clemow Avenue, it was unanimously agreed to make a presentation of a "Golden Book Entry" to Master Lawrence Freiman, who recently became Bar Mitzva, as a mark of appreciation for the good work of his mother in connection with the Hadassah movement in Canada. Refreshments were served.

The first annual production of the Dramatic Club of the "Y" will take place at the Collegiate Institute Hall, on March 4. Mr. Ben Edelson heads the Business Committee to handle this affair.

A very interesting and highly informative address on Palestine was given by Dr. S. Margoshes, executive secretary of the central division of the Zionist organization of Canada, at the King Edward Hebrew Institute, on Sunday evening.

The speaker reviewed the Jewish problem in general, stating that in Palestine lay the Jewish only hope of salvation. Particularly was this true of those Jews living in Europe who were seeking a refuge from political persecution.

The whole subject was dealt with in a very able manner by Dr. Margoshes, who spoke in English and Jewish with equal fluency, replying to a great number of questions relative to present conditions in Palestine. By the way the replies were received, it was shown that the audience were satisfied that the Zionist Organization is doing all in its power to cope with the problems confronting it.

A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. A. J. Freiman and seconded by Mr. L. Davis.

Mr. J. Holzman, president of the local Council, was in the chair.

A delightfully arranged "kitchen shower" by Mrs. J. Freedman as hostess, in honor of Miss Berdie Abelson, whose marriage takes place on February 28, to Mr. J. Miller, of Cornwall, Ont., was given by Mrs. Freedman at her residence, 19 Linden Terrace. Mrs. A. J. Freiman and Mrs. A. H. Coplan presided at the tea table. Assisting were Mrs. A. Glickman and the Misses Anna Freedman, Olive Pullan, Lucy Bilsky, Ada and Henry Abelson.

WINNIPEG

The engagement is announced of Miss Eva Genser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Genser, 86 Hallet Street, Winnipeg, to Mr. Gordon Angel, until recently a citizen of Winnipeg, now of Vancouver, B.C.

Mrs. A. E. Weidman, Suite 17, St. Elmo Apartments, entertained a few tables at bridge on Thursday afternoon, February 9, in honor of Miss Nan Halter, who is visiting this city from Liverpool, England.

Mrs. N. I. Maza, Maple Leaf Apartments, entertained at bridge on Wednesday afternoon, in honor of Mrs. H. M. Master, formerly Miss Lillian Isman.

Ex-Alderman Finkleman, Mrs. Finkleman, and sons, have returned to Prince Albert, having come to the city to attend the fortieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Isaacs, 200 Balmoral Street, who are Mrs. Finkleman's parents. They were also the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Isaacs during their visit here.

Winnipeg is enjoying a winter carnival this week, built up around the Parliament Buildings, which has never had an equal during the history of the city. One of the jolly parties that enjoyed the carnival this week was that arranged by Mrs. N. L. Green, 43 Balmoral Place, for a few of the younger crowd. Among those present were Miss Nan Halter (England), Miss Sybil Weidman, Miss Zoe Isaacs, Miss Isobel Weidman, Miss Thelma Rackow, Mrs. N. L. Green, and the Messrs. Wilbur Robinson, S. Vineberg, H. L. Maza, Victor Rackow, Bert Weidman, and H. Beckerman. After enjoying moccasin dancing and tobogganning, the party returned to Mrs. Green's home, where supper was served, and the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

Miss Dollie Polinsky, of Duluth, Minn., is visiting in this city, and is the guest of Mrs. A. Rabinovitch, 78 Ethelbert Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Grossman, Aquilla Apartments, have been receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Stanley Allan, on January 13.

The weekly snowshoe tramp of the Montefiore Club, which was held on Wednesday evening, February 8, saw one of the largest attendances this season. After tramping down the Assiniboine River, the party returned to the club rooms for refreshments. A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close with a dance.

The Junior Chapter of Hadassah are very busy working for the Hadassah Bazaar, which will be held this month. The Misses S. Stein and Soldoff are in charge of the cigarette booth; Misses Tillie Gussman and Ada Lieberman are in charge of the candy booth, while Misses A. Baranisky and B. Lieberman have the fresh flower booth.

The Girls' Auxiliary of the Jewish Orphanage and Childrens' Aid of Western Canada, held their monthly social evening on Sunday, February 5. The Pals Orchestra, of which Mr. H. Hills is the leader, provided the music for dancing. Cards were also a feature of the evening.

Miss "Beck" Ginsberg, 92 Balmoral Place, who has been visiting in the East for some time, is now the guest of Mrs. Aaron, of Montreal.

Prominent local Zionists gave a farewell banquet to Leon Goldman, Executive Secretary of the Federation of Zionist Societies at the Royal Alexandra Hotel on Monday evening, January 30. Immediately after the banquet Mr. Goldman left for Montreal.

The Winnipeg Jewish Chess Club won the first chess contest from the T. Eaton Company Chess Club. The victorious players were Messrs. Selchenko, Garfinkle and Gershfield.

Mesdames L. Churchill, L. Leipsic, N. L. Green, M. Marcus, H. E. Wilder, N. J. Weidman, Misses Rose E. Ripstein and Goldie Finesilver gave a tea at the home of Mrs. M. H. Abremovitch, 208 Colony St. The following invitation was issued:

"The Cream and Sugar in the Cup of Tea which will be waiting for you any time during the afternoon or evening of Sunday, February 5, next, at Mrs. M. H. Abremovitch's home, 208 Colony Street, will be symbolic of the Milk and Honey that once flowed in the happy old Land of Israel. We will help you to the Sugar and Cream and you will help us to revive the Milk and Honey by bringing a donation to the Keren Hayesod, which is the Restoration Fund for Palestine."

Mr. and Mrs. E. Cherniack have announced the marriage of their daughter, Sarah, to Eli, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Fred, to take place on Sunday, February 19.

A silver tea in aid of the United Hebrew Relief was given at the home of Mrs. Shatsky, 96 Charles Street, on Sunday, February 12. The conveners were: Mrs. B. Shragee, Mrs. Tobias, Mrs. N. Rosenblat, Mrs. B. Chmelnitsky, Mrs. N. Chmelnitsky, and Mrs. M. Weidman.

Mr. L. Chechick gave an afternoon tea on Wednesday, February 8, in her new home, 109 Machray Avenue. Her guests were Mrs. S. Hart Green, Mrs. M. Heppner, Mrs. S. Rodin, Mrs. H. M. Herman, Mrs. M. H. Abramovich, Mrs. M. Marcus, Mrs. L. Leipsic, Mrs. C. Hyman, Mrs. R. Frankfurter, Mrs. J. I. Stein, and Mrs. M. Steinkopf.

A children's concert and mass meeting in the interests of the Jewish Orphanage was held on Sunday, February 12. The representatives of the Orphanage, who have just completed their tour of Western Canada, gave a report regarding their achievements on behalf of the Orphanage. The meeting was addressed by Rabbi I. I. Kahanovitch, Mrs. Stein, Messrs. A. Osovsky, S. A. Berg, and J. A. Cherniack. The concert consisted of a rich and varied program in which the Orphanage children's band and the children's choir, headed by Mr. Ostro, participated.

Y.M. & Y.W.H.A. NEWS

The Y.M.H.A. Minstrel Show is well under way and will be given some time during March. This show is going to be entirely different than the ordinary run of minstrel shows. One of the best coaches has been engaged to train the boys along musical lines and new jokes will be in vogue. Save all your laughs for this show. Every joke a guaranteed laugh producer.

The ladies' "gym" class on Wednesday evening now starts at 7.30, with Miss Stockton for the first hour. The second hour will be given to games and basketball.

The additional piece to the orchestra Saturday evening made the dancing very enjoyable at the "Y." These dances become more popular each week.

Continued interest is being shown in the ticket selling contest for the "Y" dance that is to be held at Mosher's Arcadia, Monday evening, March 6. The contest is still open for any one wishing to enter.

Jewish Inter-Club Boxing Tournament

For the first time in the history of the city of Toronto, a Boxing Tournament among the various Jewish clubs of this city will be held at the Y.M.H.A. Bldg., on Monday and Tuesday evenings, February 20 and 21. It was the intention of the committee in charge to hold this tournament one night only, but the clubs have sent in so many entries that it may possibly have to be extended a third night to reach the finals. A number of the "Y" Boys have been working out with Mr. Harry Freeman, and he feels that he has the making of some real boxers. Curly Wilshur has been coaching the D'Arcy Boys and it is expected that he will show some good talent. The other clubs will also be heard from.

Medals will be presented to finalists and semi-finalists. A handsome shield will be given to the club winning the most points, and a diamond tie-pin has been offered by Messrs. J. Boas and C. Fremes to the contestant showing the most science. M. Brodie has offered a handsome consolation prize to the best loser of the Tournament. That will give the boy who loses a close decision a chance for a prize.

This will be a real good opportunity to see our Jewish boys in action, and those interested in the manly art of self-defence should not miss this opportunity. The first bout starts at 8 p.m. sharp, and as the seating capacity is limited, it is advisable to come early.

Basketball—Second Half

Feb. 13—Herzl vs. D'Arcy at 8 p.m.
Balfour vs. Lits. Jr.
Lits. Sr., vs. Felix.
Feb. 20—Lits. Jr. vs. Lits. Sr.
Felix vs. Herzl.
D'Arcy vs. Balfour.
Feb. 27—Balfour vs. Felix.
Lits. Jr. vs. D'Arcy.
Lits. Sr. vs. Herzl.
Mar. 6—Herzl vs. Lits. Jr.
Lits. Sr. vs. Balfour.
Felix vs. D'Arcy.
Mar. 13—Felix vs. Lits. Jr.
Herzl vs. Balfour.
D'Arcy vs. Lits. Sr.

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Wednesday, February 15—Amphion vs. Memoph, Alexandra Park, 6.45 p.m.
Thursday, February 16—Lits. Jr., vs. D'Arcy, Alexandra Park, 8 p.m.
Friday, February 17—Phœnix, vs. Balfour, Elizabeth Grounds, 6.45 p.m.
Saturday, February 18—D'Arcy vs. Memoph, Alexandra Park, 2.00 p.m.
Saturday, February 18—Lits. Jr., vs. Balfour, Alexandra Park, 3.30 p.m. (If ice is available.)

EZRAS NOSHEM SOCIETY

The annual election of the Ezras Noshem Society took place on Tuesday, February 7, at the Zionist Institute, with four hundred members present.

Mrs. Greenberg opened the meeting, and Mrs. Palter, of Palmerston Boulevard, who was present at the meeting, was elected to carry out the election program.

The results of the elections:

President—Mrs. S. Greenburg, by acclamation.

Vice-Presidents—Mrs. Papish, Mrs. Walikoff, Mrs. Miller.

Treasurers — Mrs. Finestein, Mrs. Gottlieb.

Honorary Secretary—Mrs. Goldman.

Financial Secretary—Miss Goldman.

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RENEGADES REJOIN THEIR FATHERS' FAITH

Warsaw (By mail, J. P. A.)—Many instances are reported lately of the repudiation by many Jewish-Christians of their new faith and their rejoining the faith of their fathers. Most of these are former Polish soldiers, who accepted the Christian faith to lighten their lot, but who, now that they are freed from their military service, become Jews again.

The Priest Kowatch delivered an address on this subject in Parliament, in the course of which he reproached his Antisemitic colleagues for their hostility to these Jewish converts, causing them to return to the Jewish fold.

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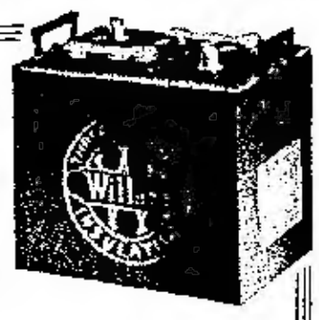

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B'nai B'rith President Presents Plan for Jewish Free Loan Society

By unanimous vote, B'nai B'rith Toronto Lodge declared itself in favor of the plan to create a Jewish Free Loan Society for Toronto, as outlined by President Nathan Phillips. In a very enthusiastic address, the president outlined the objects and details of his plan and almost instantly the members were stirred to action. Several jumped to their feet and offered their financial support to such a worthy cause.

"At the installation of the officers of this lodge," said the president, "I stated that I would lay before this meeting a plan for the establishment of a Jewish Free Loan Society under the auspices of this lodge. I am prompted to present this plan from the firm belief that the time has come when B'nai B'rith must do something which will stand out permanently as a monument to its endeavors. B'nai B'rith has done very well in the past, and has justified its existence. It must do better in the future. The main purpose of B'nai B'rith is to support with its whole force and vigor communal activities for the benefit of the whole community. A Jewish Free Loan Society is an institution which the Jewish community of Toronto lacks, and insofar as it will not conflict with, or overlap, the work of Federation, but on the contrary will assist it, we should undertake the work of establishing such an institution without delay.

It is the intention of the lodge to raise the funds for the Society as follows:

(1) $500 to be donated by the lodge.
(2) Initiation fees for coming year to be applied.
(3) Profits from entertainments to be donated by the lodge.
(4) A public campaign to be launched when committee to be appointed by the president decides.

The general feeling of the meeting was that the Free Loan Society would be a preventative measure against permanent poverty, and would lessen the burdens of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. As Rabbi Brickner declares, "It will help a man to help himself."

Rabbi Brickner's report of the Winnipeg Conference of B'nai B'rith pointed out that the Conference dealt with matters affecting Jewish immigration, fire insurance, anti-defamation and the formation of a Canadian Grand Lodge. Constructive resolutions were adopted in dealing with these questions, and committees were appointed to handle matters pertaining thereto. Rabbi Brickner stated that he was deeply impressed by the sincerity of the delegates from all parts of Canada who, though coming from their own particular section, were broad enough to look at the problems involved from a general point of view as it affected Canadian Jewry.

FELIX CLUB

The rooms of the Felix Club are practically ready for the official opening, which will take place very shortly. The Basketball team still hold their position as leaders in the Y.M.H.A. inter-club league for the Granatstein Trophy. Their last game with the Lits juniors was very interesting, and after a very hard fought battle with five minutes overtime, the score was 24–24. This game will be re-played later in the season if necessary. The degree team, consisting of Messrs. I. M. Ginsberg (Chairman), H. Ginsberg and J. I. Oelbaum, performed the initiation ritual on Donald Clapham, their new member, after which refreshments were served. The club's monthly periodical, called the "Felix Lyre," is in the capable hands of Mr. I. M. Ginsberg. The members appreciate the real humor and home truths which the editor permits in its columns. The dance committee report very favorable progress in making arrangements for the fifth annual dance to be held at Mosher's Arcadia on the evening of March 24, with the Novelty Sextette in attendance.

JEWISH BOY LIFE COUNCIL

The efforts of Messrs. M. M. Cohen and N. Golfom towards increasing the number of student mentors for the Jewish boys in training, resulted in an attendance of forty at the class held in the University Avenue Synagog on Wednesday, February 1.

An address by Dr. Hayward, head of the Educational Department of the National Boy Work Board, on the "Psychology of the Adolescent Boy," proved a rare treat. Dr. Haywood was followed by Rabbi Siegel with an eloquent appeal to the student mentors to exert every possible effort towards bringing about a better understanding between the Jewish boys in training and their fathers.

On Tuesday, February 6, the officers of the four camps were invited as Men of David at the University Avenue Synagog. Mr. M. M. Cohen acted as chief mentor, assisted by Mr. E. Blanckensee as supreme chief.

Camp Ephraim—Chief, Harry Pearlman, 100 Denison Avenue; deputy, Fred Plener, 806 Dundas Street West; scribe, Julius Paul, 8 Bellevue Avenue; comptor, Sam Bronstein, 155 Augusta Avenue; standard bearer, Myer Ganz, 58 Kensington Avenue; mentor, Leon Weil, 223 Lauder Avenue.

Camp Samson—Chief, Morris Orloff, 78 Kensington Avenue; deputy, Israel Chernoff, 35 Kensington Avenue; scribe, Charles Levy, 210 Markham Street; comptor, Harry Yaffe, 191 Markham Street; standard bearer, David Bubis, 28 Kensington Place; mentor, Mr. Barcley.

Camp Levi—Chief, Israel Sone, 190 Augusta Avenue; deputy, Joseph Cavinsky, 192 Granze Avenue; scribe, Martin Fine, 15 Kensington Avenue; standard bearer, David Greengrass, 20 Denison Square; mentor, Mr. Abe Kak, 34 Cecil Street.

Camp Mendelssohn - Chief, Isidore Lexchin, 68 Leonard Avenue; deputy, Harry Swartz, 52 Leonard Avenue; scribe, Jake Iseman, 46 Bellvue Place; comptor, Louis Herman, 58 Leonard Avenue; standard bearer, Louis Levinsky, 36 Vanauley Street; mentor, Ben Miller, 12 Chestnut Park Road.

The Toronto Boy Life Council has been in existence but five months. They now have, under inspiring leaders whom they have trained, two hundred and fifty Jewish boys, attached to some form of club life, aimed at developing the highest type of Jews and Canadians.

POALE ZION ANNOUNCES LECTURES

The first of a series of interesting lectures, under the auspices of the Poale Zion Cultural Club, will be delivered by Dr. S. Margeshes on the subject of, "Social Zionism," on Sunday, February 19, at 8 p.m., at the Peretz School, 194 Beverley Street.

ORION CLUB

The Orion Club is holding a carnival on Saturday, February 25, at which many surprises are promised. The club is now holding a checker tournament amongst the members. Mr. Wyman will donate a silver shield to the winner. Orion is entered in the Y.M.H.A. Boxing Tournament, and owing to the great success of the last smoker, they are staging another smoker on March 2, at their club-rooms, 190½ Simcoe Street. Many men of local fame will box on this night. Invitations may be obtained from the members.

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INAUGURAL MEETING OF EAST AND WEST GREAT SUCCESS

Over one hundred and fifty Jewish professional and leading business men crowded the meeting room of East and West last Tuesday night to listen to Dr. N. Syrkin, noted publicist and labor leader on the Jewish Workmen's Bank in Palestine. Dr. Syrkin, who spoke in English, delivered a most interesting discourse on the multifarious activities of the Jewish workmen in Palestine, pointing out the advantages of the co-operative plans now in vogue in Palestine for the speedy upbuilding of the country. Numerous questions were put to the speaker, to all of which Dr. Syrkin replied in a most satisfactory and witty manner. Rabbi Julius Siegel moved the vote of thanks which was seconded by Dr. M. Schwartz, in a short but eloquent speech. Mr. A. B. Bennett, who was in the chair, conveyed to Dr. Syrkin the heartfelt thanks of the audience.

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Federation Reorganizing, Will Raise $100,000

That representative Toronto Jewry wants permanent federation of its various philanthropic agencies was demonstrated unmistakably at a meeting of men held at the Primrose Club, Wednesday, February 8, for the purpose of solving very pressing problems in the local charities' situation.

There were 40 men present at the invitation of Samuel B. Kaufman, executive director of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, who laid before them definite plans for the reorganization of the work with regard to a practical budget and what should be done with it.

As a result of this meeting, which was attended by men earnestly concerned with the problems of the poor, various working committees were formed and a meeting planned for the evening of March 2 when concrete outlines for the conduct of the Philanthropies will be mapped out. This meeting at the Primrose Club will be attended by the 40 men present at the recent gathering, each of whom is invited to bring along one or two friends.

Those present will hear about ways and means to raise the budget of $100,000 for the year, from the following committee, of which Mr. Jule Allen is chairman: Messrs. Charles Draimin, S. Kronick, Arthur Cohen, N. Rosenberg, D. Dunkelman and D. Lavine. Rabbi Brickner, Rabbi Siegel, Mr. Kaufman, and Joseph Singer will have something definite to say about the activities of the coming year.

The following are the names of the committee which met Wednesday: Messrs. F. Hutner, N. Helpert, Jule Allen, J. J. Allen, Dr. B. R. Brickner, Arthur Cohen, Rabbi Julius Siegel, Chas. Draimin, D. Dunkelman, J. Eisman, L. Frankel, L. Gelber, S. Kronick, D. Lavine, E. Pullan, H. Pullan, Ralph Raphael, Harry Rotenberg, L. Rotenberg, Jr., E. Scheuer, Sr., L. M. Singer, Harry Samuel, B. Cooper, J. Graner, H. Smith, N. Phillips, Ely Marks, Philip Kaufman, Harry Kaufman, Percy Hermant, H. Franklin, Jos. Singer, Max Singer, Abraham Cohen, B. Stone and N. Rosenberg.

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It is with deep appreciation and gratification that we offer our heartiest thanks, through the columns of the CANADIAN JEWISH REVIEW, to the Rose Chapter of the Hadassah, and especially to Mrs. D. Dunkelman, its president, and to Mr. Harry Kaufman, the manager of the Community Theatre Night, for their untiring efforts to promote the most successful affair ever given in the city of Toronto.

The Rose Chapter of Hadassah has realized $6,000.00 from this affair. This entire sum has been presented to the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, and has been a great help to the Federation.

While it is true that no Federation of Jewish Philanthropies should have to rely upon any such methods for its support, yet, under the present circumstances, it was like a godsend.

The affair was a most wonderful success, financially, socially and morally, and it is to be hoped that the good men and women who have helped to bring about this success, will continue to give their untiring support towards the work of the Federation.

We are also mindful of the wholehearted co-operation which we received from the Council of Jewish Women, who arranged the Annual Federation Ball, and conducted the collection campaign among our smaller subscribers, which brought to the Federation $4,000.00. We are very grateful for the continuous co-operation of the Council of Jewish Women.

The $10,000 which we received from the Rose Chapter of Hadassah and the Council of Jewish Women has greatly relieved the emergency situation, caused by lack of employment and other economic depressions, and has enabled the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies to carry on its work and take a little better care of the many families who are in dire distress.

Sincerely yours,
Federation of Jewish Philanthropies
E. Pullan, President,
S. B. Kaufman, Exec. Dir.

NINA RUBEN ATTAINS HONORS

Miss Nina Ruben, eleven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ruben, of 271 Crawford Street, has, for the second time in two years, attained the highest marks in her grade in music in the Dominion of Canada. She was awarded the silver medal which is given by the Toronto Conservatory of Music to their most talented pupil.

THE HEBREW RELIGION FREE SCHOOL HOLDS ELECTION

At a recent election, held at the Hebrew Religion School, 242 Simcoe St., Talmud Torah, the following were elected as officers for the coming term: L. Levinsky, president, 357 Palmerston Boulevard; G. Kling, vice-president, 317 Beverley Street; J. Samuels, treasurer, 361 Palmerston Boulevard; J. L. Cohen, secretary, 13 Mansfield Avenue.

The Board of Directors consists of: S. Kling, S. Fremes, N. Smith, E. Pullon, H. Greisman, S. Wortzel. The Board of Education: Rabbi Gorden, 54 St. Patrick; A. Lieberman, 700 Queen Street West; S. Wortzel, 15 Brunswick; M. Pullan, 254 Sherbourne.

JACOB GOODMAN APPOINTED INTERPRETER

Jacob Goodman, J.P., of 2096 Dundas West, has been appointed official interpreter for the Ontario government in Ontario. During the war Mr. Goodman was assistant registrar of alien enemies at Toronto, and has done work for the Toronto police for a number of years in translating letters and acting as interpreter on special cases.

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But this story has nothing to do with such children as these. It's just about a tiny one, eleven years old, who for the past year has been doing all the mothering for five younger children in the brood, and has been going without it entirely herself. For one whole year this little girl has known no childhood. Her days have been taken up with duties that curve her back and try her judgment. The school board, after a peep into her home, allowed her to stay there and keep it in order for the younger ones and the father who works each day.

There is a mother, too, but she has been away in an institution for the insane. The other day she saw her chance to escape, and ran home—home to the "little mother" and the smaller five. More than likely she wet their cheeks with her tears, and held them so close to her heart they couldn't wiggle, and made the baby guess who she was, and begged them all to stay about her.

The institution she escaped from, will not force her to return unless her husband asks it. He and others think that she is not so mentally ill that she ought to go away again; that another chance at home with those most precious to her may help to clear her brain; that it is so hard for a mother to get well away from her husband and little ones.

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But where's the money coming from? The Federation is hard up, or the CANADIAN JEWISH REVIEW would not be asking this question. But there just must be $100 in the possession of some good man or woman upon whom misfortune casts no shadow. Or maybe an organization has a little bit of money saved up for such a day as this. Perhaps a few will chip in and make a money contribution toward the mending of a poor man's affairs? Trusting that the city of Toronto harbors many people with hearts not too far from open hands, we'll tell the story of another man with misery about him.

Our second friend has nothing like the despair that lingers where a loved one may be insane; but he is a young man engulfed under a wave of discouragement. If you knew how young he is, you might doubt that he has five children: but he is in the twenties, anyway.

The wife is young, too. There may have been a time when she bubbled with laughter and the color mounted to cheeks, round like ripened fruit, and to see her on Shabbas, hovering about the "leichter" and the white cloth and the "chalah," was to take a sharp delight in radiant wifehood. But no one would ever guess now that youth had once veneered the face where worry writes its wrinkles now. In her eyes is the look of a woman whose concern about her personal appearance has long since been submerged by thoughts of where the money for the rent is coming to keep shelter over the five that cling about her skirts.

There is no work for the man in his trade, but an expert estimates that $150 would certainly set the young man up in a small way in one of those enterprises which, by a miracle, yield a living for those who work too hard.

Surely someone will read this who remembers the days when he was young and had a wife and little ones to provide for, and never knew from one sundown to the next whether the cash would come or not. It is the high privilege of such a man or woman to pass on what was passed to him in time of sore trial. And what man, who has staggered up from the depths of despond, would willingly see a splendid young fellow-human try to raise himself unaided?

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MATERNITY AID HOLDS COOKED FOOD SALE

An enthusiastic crowd gathered at the Zionist Institute, Wednesday, February 8, when the sale of cooked food took place under the auspices of the Maternity Aid and Child Welfare and the very able convenership of Mrs. J. Wiener and Mrs. D. Levinne, assisted by a group of excellent workers. The sale was a success and the proceeds will be given to the fund for the Rest Home for Mothers and Babes, and it is hoped that by the summer there will be a sufficient fund raised to procure the very necessary Rest Home. Thanks are due to so many that it is impossible to make personal acknowledgment and the committee hope all those who so generously contributed will feel included in this expression of appreciation and thanks.

DAUGHTERS OF ISRAEL SOCIETY

The recent box social, held by the Daughters of Israel Society was a success. A large number of very artistically arranged boxes were donated by the members and their friends, and were sold, bringing in a large sum of money. The first box was sold to Mr. S. Kaufman, who delivered an address on organized charity distribution. Mrs. Ida Siegel also delivered a brief address on behalf of the Hadassah. Piano selections were rendered by Misses Anne Kaufman and Ruth Siegel. Miss Ida Applebaum entertained the guests with humorous selections.

AID SOCIETY CONCERT

The Eastern Ladies' Aid Society held a concert, Sunday, February 12, at the Berkeley Street Synagog in behalf of the Jewish children in the east end. Rabbi J. Siegel gave a very interesting talk, and Rev. Sagar and his choir rendered several selections. Miss Ada Levinson gave piano numbers; Miss Bessie Levenson a vocal solo; Mr. I. Fielderman and Miss Becky Levinson, accompanied by Miss Ada Levenson, entertained with a number of violin solos. A large sum of money was raised.

PERSONAL MENTION

All Society Items and other local notes should be communicated to the office of the Review by 5 o'clock each Tuesday afternoon in order to appear in the current week's issue. Wedding and engagement announcements will not be printed unless they bear the telephone number of the sender. Telephones Adelaide 7628-7629.

Mrs. Theo. Weil, Lauder Avenue, was the hostess at a luncheon and bridge Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Maurice Cohen, Dowling Avenue, is entertaining at bridge Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Wm. Sugarman has left for her home in Edmonton.

Mrs. Herbert Nusbaum gave a Valentine luncheon and bridge at the King Edward Hotel, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Lorie, Clarendon Avenue, have left for Quebec, and will be absent ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis M. Singer, Palmerston Boulevard, entertained at the Primrose Club, Sunday.

Mrs. Louis Marrus will entertain at bridge Tuesday at her home, Russell Hill Road.

Mr. A. W. Meyers, of Winnipeg, was in the city en route to New York and Providence, and was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Phillip Rosenberg, Wright Avenue.

Mr. Lawrence Wiener, Montreal, is at the King Edward Hotel.

Miss Mary Glockstein, of Sudbury, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Lewis.

Mrs. M. Fischer, 44 Brunswick Avenue, has returned from Lakewood, after spending a month there.

Miss Florence Hutner, Brunswick Avenue, gave a masquerade party to forty of her friends on Sunday.

Miss S. Roebuck, McCaul Street, entertained a large number of her friends at her home Sunday.

Mrs. M. Halpern was hostess at a miscellaneous shower and bridge Sunday in honor of Miss Rose Frankel, whose marriage will take place shortly

Mrs. J. B. Danson, Jameson Avenue, entertained at bridge Friday.

Mrs. I. S. Scheuer, 805 Euclid Avenue, was hostess at bridge Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. A. Singer, Barton Avenue, entertained at her home Thursday afternoon.

The Misses Carrie and Lillian Waldman entertained at a bridge and a handkerchief shower Monday afternoon at the Primrose Club in honor of Miss Bella Hartman, prior to her marriage to Mr. Wolfe Wilder.

Mrs. Isadore Kurtz gave a luncheon Tuesday in honor of Miss Bella Hartman.

Mrs. Louis Greenberg, of Montreal, is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilder, Shaw Street.

Mrs. J. J. Dubey, Baldwin Apartments, entertained at a whist, Sunday, in honor of Mrs. D. Stitt, who was visiting in the city. The prizes were won by Mrs. S. Bookman and Mrs. B. Stone.

Miss M. Rogul, Beatrice Street, entertained her friends at a dancing party Sunday. Mr. Edward Greben played the piano. A buffet supper was served.

The Reading Girls' Club gave a Valentine dancing party Saturday evening. The valentine decorations were effectively brought out. At the luncheon, favors were given.

Miss Rose Finkle entertained at her home Sunday last.

Mrs. D. Levinne, Braemore Gardens, entertained her club Tuesday evening.

Mrs. S. Helpert, Brunswick Avenue, has returned from Boston where she spent two months with her daughter.

Miss Betty Goldstick, Miss M. Godberg, and Miss Lillian Turner were hostesses at a shower in honor of Miss Sadie Fox, whose marriage to Mr. M. Goldberg takes place this month. The valentine decorations were prettily arranged, and the gifts were presented in a novel manner by a little boy (David Dolnicof) dressed as Cupid.

Mrs. Harris Andrews, 618 Euclid Avenue, was the hostess at a tea on Wednesday afternoon in honor of her guest, Mrs. Flora Silverman, of Kenora.

The Unity Club and Omnes Amici Club entertained Mr. Wolfe Wilder at a stag at the King Edward Hotel, Thursday evening, prior to his marriage to Miss Bella Hartman, which took place Wednesday.

A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon was spent Tuesday when the bridge under the auspices of the Western Group of Hadassah took place at a downtown tea-room. The prizes were won by Mrs. B. M. Speyer, Mrs. H. Shulman, Mrs. A. Squires, Mrs. Schlafer and Mrs. Polonsick.

The installation banquet of Kappa (University of Toronto) Chapter of the Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity took place on Sunday evening at the King Edward Hotel. Several members of the National Council and of the various chapters were present. During the course of the evening, excellent addresses were given by Louis J. Platt, David L. Loew, David Blum and Robt. M. W. Vogel. The evening ended with the presentation of the charter by Louis J. Platt. Among those present were: Louis J. Platt, Robt. M. W. Vogel, David L. Loew, David Blum, Leonard Bickwit, Roger B. Kaufman, Dr. Walter W. Padwe and William Gottlieb, of New York; Elchanon

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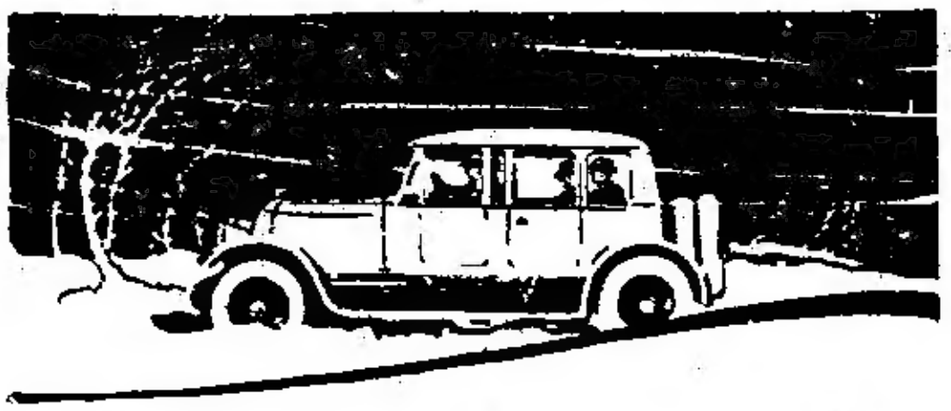

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Mr. Samuel Finberg, of La Grange, Georgia, is visiting with his sister, Mrs. O. Maldaver.

Mrs. F. Oberndorffer, Palmerston Gardens, entertained at bridge Friday in honor of Mrs. J. Perkins, who is leaving the city shortly.

Miss Dinah Copp, of Winnipeg, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. M. H. Keyfetz, 122 Huron Street.

Mrs. N. Blumbergh, Auburn Apartments, entertained Thursday at a dinner party and bridge for out-of-town guests.

Mrs. O. Maldaver, Elm Grove Avenue, had as her guest her mother, Mrs. Finberg, of Niagara Falls.

Dr. S. Margoshes, Secretary of the Zionist Organization of Canada, Central Division, lectured last Sunday night under the auspices of the Zionist Organization of Ottawa, on the present situation in Zionism. During his stay at Ottawa, he was the guest of Mr. A. J. Freiman, President of the Zionist Organization of Canada.

Mr. Harry Goldberg, Clinton Street, is at the Hotel Windsor, Montreal, for a few days.

A Dutch supper, followed by dancing, was given at the home of Miss S. Fish, Beverley Street, on Sunday, in celebration of Miss Fish's birthday. Covers were laid for forty.

A very pleasant evening was spent by the members of the Deborah Chapter of Hadassah and their friends at an "At Home," held on Saturday evening last at an uptown tea-room.

Mr. D. Tugentaft, of Edmonton, Alta., is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Tugentaft, Ossington Avenue.

An enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Wilkes, 242 Gladstone Avenue.

Mrs. I. Caplan, 94 Braemore Gardens, entertained a few friends at her home Saturday evening.

Mrs. Anna Wolfe Margoshes has returned to her home in Ottawa, after a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. J. B. Danson, and her girlhood friend, Mrs. Rose Zucker-Mann, of Jameson Avenue, Parkdale.

Miss Ruth Rosen spent the week-end in Hamilton.

Mrs. Arthur Elston, 359 Grace Street, has returned from Montreal, after a three weeks' visit with her sister.

Mr. Meyer Rosenfield, at a surprise banquet given by Messrs. Louis and Rubin Rosenfield, was presented with a smoking-jacket. Only the immediate family and close friends were present. Miss Rose Rosenfield entertained with songs, and Miss Miller accompanied her at the piano. Mr. David B. Dutch gave a talk. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Gottlieb, of Yonge Street, and Mr. and Mrs. M. Wainberg, of Yonge Street, spent a most enjoyable week-end at Hotel Statler, Buffalo, and were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. L. Gilman on the anniversary of their son's bar mitzvah.

Miss Lena Golstein, of Massey, Ont., is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Pomer, 2581 Dundas Street West.

Miss Clara Godfrey gave a valentine party to her friends Sunday evening.

Miss Anna Finsten, Brunswick Avenue, has returned from Montreal, where she was visiting her sister, Mrs. N. Venus.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Griesman have returned from their honeymoon, spent in Detroit, New York, and Atlantic City.

Mrs. S. Heller was hostess at a card party Saturday evening in honor of her sister, Mrs. D. Stitt, of Fort William.

Mrs. H. Glucksberg, Oxford Street, entertained at a card party Wednesday.

Mrs. Simon Pyzer, of 514 Queen Street West, has gone to New York to attend the marriage of her brother, Louis Jacobs.

Mr. and Mrs. David Cohen, Messrs. Sam Cohen and Reuben Cohen, of 179 Dovercourt Road, have gone to New York to attend the marriage of their son and brother, Louis, to Miss Anna Jacobs.

Miss Theresa Sweet, of Hamilton, was the guest of Mrs. Frank A. Silverman for the Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity dance.

At the home of Mrs. H. Sigler a tea was given in honor of Mrs. R. Canner, of Galt. Among those present were Mrs. D. Abromowitz, Mrs. D. Canner, Mrs. M. Enushevsky, Miss L. Chaletsky, Mrs. L. Abromowitz, Miss G. Enushevsky, and Mrs. M. Abromowitz. Tea was poured by Miss Nellie Canner.

Mrs. Max Pearlman, Glenholme Avenue, entertained a large gathering of friends Sunday evening in honor of Mrs. Flora Silverman of Kenora.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Grossman and family, 97 Beatrice Street, were given a farewell dinner by Mr. and Mrs. W. Benson, prior to their departure for California, and were also presented with a sterling silver fruit basket by the host and hostess. A few of those present were Mr. and Mrs. M. Grossman, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bruner, Miss F. Grossman, and Mr. M. Gershovity of Hamilton. Dancing and vocal solos by Mr. W. Bruner followed the dinner.

Miss Marian Cornfield, Grace Street, was hostess at a very enjoyable card party on Sunday evening, on the occasion of her brother's visit home from Detroit. Several vocal solos were rendered by Miss Eva Davis and Mr. Maxie Cornfield.

A very enjoyable evening was spent on Saturday when Miss Rose Cohen, 35 Major Street, entertained in honor of her twelfth birthday. Covers were aid for twenty-five of her girl friends. On leaving for home, each guest was given a souvenir.

An enjoyable evening was spent last Sunday at the surprise party held in honor of Mrs. S. Greenberg, who was unanimously elected president of the Ezras Noshem Society for the fourth term, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cohen, 595 Dundas West.

The sum of $21.50 was contributed toward the Jewish Hospital Fund.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Bolter, Mr. and Mrs. J. Goldman, Mr. and Mrs. A. Finestein, Mr. and Mrs. B. Papish, Mr. and Mrs. M. Slepkov, Mrs. Bloom, Mrs. Merker, Mrs. Wolfish, Mrs. Brody, Mrs. Walikoff, Mrs. Levy, Mrs. Klose, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Caplan, and Mr. Berman.

MARRIAGES

GUNN—LEVINE

At half past three o'clock last Tuesday afternoon, the home of Mrs. A. Levine, 670 Huron Street, was the scene of the marriage of her daughter, Faye, to Mr. William Gunn, son of Mr. John Gunn, of Winnipeg, the Rev. Rabbi Gordon and the Rev. Rabbi Berger, of Hamilton, officiating. The bride, who was given away by her mother, wore flame georgette with black lace, picture hat and a bouquet of orchids and lilies of the valley. Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Rose attended the bride and groom. Mr. and Mrs. Gunn left later to spend their honeymoon in Buston and New York.

LEPOFSKY—GOLDSTEIN

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the Beth Jacob Synagogue in Hamilton on Sunday, February 12, at 5 o'clock, when Jean, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Goldstein, of Hamilton, became the bride of Fred, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Lepofsky, of Toronto. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a beautiful white satin gown, with silver trimmings; her veil was a crown of old lace trimmed with pearls; and she carried sweetheart roses. She was attended by Miss Margaret Lepofsky, sister of the groom, as maid of honor,

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The third and monthly children's and parents' service will take place on Saturday morning, February 18. The subject of the sermon is "Go Forward." The sermon will be especially adapted to the comprehension of the children. The pupils of the school will attend in a body and will participate in the service. Parents are invited to come with their children.

On Wednesday afternoon, February 8, the Temple Sisterhood held a large and interesting meeting. A very large number of the members attended and enjoyed the program, which consisted of scripture reading by Mrs. M. M. Cohen, reports by the various committees, an address on the spirit of Jewish folk songs, by Rabbi Brickner, illustrated by selections beautifully rendered by Miss Pearl Greisman. The members showed a genuine appreciation of Jewish folk music and many expressed themselves very enthusiastically concerning this type of program. The social committee helped to make the closing hour very interesting by serving tea and other light refreshments. Mrs. Coleman Miller presented a magnificent silver tea service to the Sisterhood.

The Temple Center announces that the classes are well attended and the members are taking a genuine interest in the work. The next meeting of the Literary Class will take place at the home of Mrs. Eisman, 268 Poplar Plains Road, on Monday evening, February 20, at 8.15. Dr. S. Margoshes is the leader in this group, and Mrs. Ira Levi, convener. The discussion will be "The World's Illusion," by Wasserman.

The Current Events Class will meet on Monday, February 20. The convener of this class is Miss Rose Cohen. Members who wish to affiliate with these classes, kindly communicate with the conveners.

The Dramatic group has already distributed tickets for the forthcoming presentation of three one-act plays, to take place on Wednesday evening, March 1, at Columbus Hall. The members of the Dramatic group have worked very diligently under the direction of a professional coach and promise a genuine retreat. Friends are urged to reserve this evening and to obtain tickets.

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Friday Night Lectures

Last Friday evening, Rabbi Siegel announced that the Friday evening lectures for the 1922 winter season will close on April 1, about two weeks before the Passover. Accordingly there are only seven lectures left for this season, and Rabbi Siegel announced that he would be glad to devote some of these lectures to subjects suggested by the public. Naturally he reserves the right to pass on these suggestions and to use his own judgment as to whether it would be proper and in keeping with the purpose of the Friday night lectures to discuss them from the pulpit.

The lecture this Friday evening, February 17, will begin at 8.30 and will be on the interesting topic of "The False Messiah." All are welcome.

Bar Mitzvah Ceremony Saturday Morning

On Saturday morning there will be held in the University Avenue Synagog the Bar Mitzvah ceremony of Jacob Nehemiah Deitel, one of Rabbi Gordon's youthful pupils and proteges. Rabbi Gordon will say a few introductory words and then the Bar Mitzvah will deliver a Hebrew address on the meaning of Bar Mitzvah and the Tefillin. Rabbi Siegel will then address a few remarks to the Bar Mitzvah and the congregation.

Young People's League

A meeting of the Executive of the League has been called for Sunday, February 19, at 3 o'clock, in the Synagogue Chambers. The special business of this meeting will be the sifting of all registrations for the various circles and the final arrangements for setting to work. The members who have handed in the registration slips for the Circles may expect an announcement which will be mailed to their homes during the week, giving all the necessary information about when and where the Circles will meet.

A regular meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary was held in the Goel Tzedek Synagog Chambers, Monday evening, February 13.

Mrs. D. Lavinne, Convener of the membership committee, received great credit for her activities. Thirty-three new members were enrolled this month. The evening being Chamisho Osor B'Shvadt, the president, Mrs. Siegel, made an eloquent appeal to the members on behalf of Palestine. In her remarks she asked every member to make the best of any opportunity that presented itself for the upbuilding of Palestine, and in honor of the day the Auxiliary bought eight Herzl trees. Two more were donated by Mrs. Weiss, 593 Huron Street.

Rabbi Siegel was the speaker of the evening, his topic: "The Jew and the Soil." He said that the return of the Jew to Palestine does not mean the return to self-government alone, but the return to the soil of Israel.

Miss Silverman rendered a solo, accompanied by Mrs. Epstein. The Sunday School teachers were the guests of the evening.

MARRIAGES

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and the Misses Newman and Katz as bridesmaids. Little Miss Norma Jacobs acted as train-bearer and two little sisters of the bride as flower girls. The groom was assisted by Mr. Joseph, a cousin of the bride. After the ceremony, a reception was held in the Synagog chambers, where Mr. and Mrs. Goldstein received. Later the happy couple left to spend their honeymoon in Buffalo and Detroit. On their return, they will reside in Streetsville.

Amongst the out-of-town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. S. Lepofsky and family, Mr. A. Lepofsky and family, Mr. Sam Lepofsky, Miss Hazel Lepofsky, Miss Eva Lepofsky, Mrs. F. Lepofsky, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lepofsky and son, Mr. and Mrs. L. Gebirtig and family, Mr. and Mrs. M. Silver and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. Silver and family, Miss G. Coles, Mr. Coles, Miss N. Zosky, the Messrs. Edelstein, Mr. and Mrs. Goodfellow and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harkins, Mr. Green, Mr. Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Greenevsky, Mr. Goldhar, Mr. Tants, Mr. and Mrs. Yozevovitch, all of Toronto; and Mrs. G. Feldman and daughters, of Chicago.

BENJAMIN—PICSHOFSKY

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the Men of England Congregation, Spadina Avenue, when Lille Benjamin, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Benjamin, was united in marriage to Harry Picshofsky, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Picshofsky, Rabbi Gordon and Rev. Wladowsky officiating. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a gown of kitten's ear crepe and panels lined with pink. Her veil was caught with pearls and orange blossoms, and she carried a shower bouquet of sweet peas and golden tulips. Mrs. Charles I. Benjamin, who was matron of honor, wore black chiffon velvet and silver foliage with silver band and foliage headdress, and carried a sheaf of golden tulips. Miss Eva Benjamin, who was chief bridesmaid, wore orchid taffeta with tulle

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THEATRE

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The story of "The Shadow of Lightning Ridge," feature photoplay attraction being shown with a strong vaudeville bill at Loew's Yonge St. Theatre during the week of February 20, is a real thriller. The stage coach in which Dorothy Harden and her cousin, Alice Symonds, are journeying to the estate of Edward Marriott, a mining baron, who is a suitor for Dorothy's hand, is held up, and the bag containing the payroll is stolen by the "Shadow." The next day Marriott, who has sustained many other losses, offers a reward for the capture of the unknown bandit. Annie, a girl at the dance-hall, who is infatuated with the "Shadow," the only name by which the outlaw chief is known to his men, warns him that a price has been set upon his head. The "Shadow," having learned that Marriott intends presenting Dorothy with a valuable thoroughbred racer, determines to steal the animal. A breathless episode is his ride to overtake the train which is bearing the horse and his leap from his own animal to the train, and the successful outcome of his scheme.

JUDEAN BENEVOLENT ANNOUNCES DANCE

The Judean Benevolent and Friendly Society is giving a function of quite a diverse nature in the form of a minstrel show and dance on Tuesday evening, March 7, at the Oddfellows' Temple. Jones' Union Orchestra will play. Admission will be charged in aid of the Lodge funds, and members and their friends are cordially invited.

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INTERCOLLEGIATE MENORAH DEBATE TO-MORROW EVENING

All citizens who are interested in the question of the Jewish Congress should not miss the big Intercollegiate Menorah debate that takes place to-morrow evening, Saturday, February 18, at 8.30 p.m., in the West Hall of University College, known as the Main Building of the University of Toronto. It will be the Menorah Societies of the University of Toronto and McGill University that will array against each other in verbal combat over the necessity and the feasibility of the convocation of a Canadian Jewish congress at the present moment, and the battle promises to be both spirited and interesting.

The University of Toronto Menorah Society, represented by Messrs. David Eisen and Jacob M. Stuchen, B.A., will argue the affirmative side of this outstanding question, while the McGill students will argue on the negative. They will be represented by Messrs. Otto Klineberg, M.A., the president of the McGill Menorah Society, and Harold Batshaw, of the McGill Faculty of Law. Both students are keen debaters and they are coming down to win over the Toronto Society, whom they defeated last year at McGill at the first Intercollegiate Menorah debate. This year, however, the Toronto students are sparing no efforts in preparation and will do their utmost to wipe out the old score and keep the Bennet Silver Cup around the Toronto campus.

The evening of the debate promises to be a memorable one in the history of the Toronto Menorah Society. It will mark the first official visit of the McGill debating team to Toronto, and will also mark the first year of competition for the Bennett Cup, which has been donated for annual competition between the two universities by Mr. David E. Bennett of this city.

Besides the debate, the students are arranging for a lively evening of real old 'Varsity cheering, to be led by one of the Menorah men, Harry Landsberg, of the graduating year in Dentistry.

Mr. Benjamin Fox, the president of the local Menorah Society, announces that the following judges will judge the debate: Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner; Mr. B. M. Greene, editor and publisher of "Who's Who in Canada,"; and Dr. Samuel Margoshes, the chief Zionist Executive for this district. Mr. L. M. Singer will act as critic for the evening.

NEW SOCIETY FORMED

An important drawing-room meeting was held at the home of Mrs. J. Houzer, Spadina Road, when she entertained a large number of ladies at tea Thursday afternoon in the interests of organizing a society for the relief of consumptives in the Weston Sanitarium. The object of the society is to give relief to the needy—such assistance as clothing, food, fruit, and various comforts—and to bring cheer into their lives. Alderman Mrs. Sidney Small gave an inspiring talk on the need of prevention in tuberculosis, and stated that, through care, a great deal of the suffering can be eliminated. She also made a donation towards the society. At the election of officers, the following were chosen: Mrs. M. Mehr, president; Mrs. I. Cooper, vice president; Mrs. H. Clavir, secretary; and Mrs. H. Griesman, treasurer. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. H. Griesman, Admiral Road, Thursday, February 23.

All ladies interested in the movements of the society may communicate with the secretary, Mrs. M. Mehr.

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NEWS FROM ENGLAND

Exclusive Correspondence to *The Canadian Jewish Review*

Arab Claim—Jewish Chronicle Comments on Mr. Jamal's Letters—Jewish Hero Neglected—Statistics from Palestine—Rev. Isidore Harris Seriously Ill.,

January 19, 1922.

A letter appeared in the Times of January 12, from Shibly Jamal, the honorary secretary of the Palestine Arab delegation, who is, of course, in London at present. In the course of this letter he states that the Balfour declaration is inconsistent with pledges given by His Majesty's Government to the Arabs of Palestine, by simply stating that Viscount Grey cannot see the inconsistency and Emir Feisel considered Zionist proposals moderate and proper. He continues, "I cannot see the words of the two gentlemen mentioned above do away with the inconsistency. Zionists must surely remember the sequel to King Feisel's letter, and his interview with the Jewish Chronicle on October 3, 1919, in explanation of it." The Emir declared that Dr. Weizmann's proposals and the Jewish desire to establish in Palestine a "national home," which would ultimately be a Jewish state, were "aspirations which clashed with Arab ideas." The Emir's permission, however, was never secured and the unsigned document drawn up by the Zionists themselves, he continues, now lies in their archives. The Arabs were told that if they took up arms against the Turks their nation would be reconstituted and their influence and authority in the conquered provinces would be restored. He goes on to say that the Arab showed a consistent sympathetic friendliness to the Allies throughout the whole course of the war, and that, although not openly revolting, this was merely because the country was overrun by German, Austrian and Turkish troops to an extent sometimes exceeding 50 per cent. of the total population. Again, he says, the Mesopotamians did not revolt en masse, yet Great Britain has recognized their independence. The Arabs of Palestine are as capable of self-government as the Iraquians; why are they treated differently? England and France warred in the East to secure the complete and definite emancipation of the peoples so long oppressed by the Turks, and the establishment of national governments and administrations deriving their authority from the initiative and free choice of the indigenous populations. Further on, he says: "In the words of a leading Zionist, 'there can only be one national home in Palestine, and that a Jewish one, and no equality in the partnership between Jews and Arabs.' Are those the unreserved guarantees for the Arabs in the Balfour pledge; would they satisfy the Zionists had they been where the Arabs are to-day? Would any people allow an alien race to be dumped down in their midst, many of whom are undesirable? The Arabs demand to live a free life in their own country; surely this is both just and reasonable."

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"The point of Mr. Jamal's letter," says the Jewish Chronicle, "is a plea that England should now withdraw the Balfour declaration and substitute for it one assuring to the Arabs an Arab Palestine. But these what gentlemen forget is, that the Balfour declaration long ago passed into a stage of performance rather than promise."

After referring to the adoption of the Balfour declaration by the San Remo Treaty and noting that at present the mandate Great Britain holds is unconfirmed by the League of Nations, it points out that this mandate is the only basis of England's opposition at present in Palestine, and continues to say: "It would, therefore, be futile for Great Britain to think of altering the terms, assuming that a mere declaration on her part (assuming she wished to make it) would entitle her to remain as she is in Palestine, but on the understanding of any new terms which she might set forth . . . an amendment by England, or a withdrawal of the Balfour declaration would be wholly insufficient. A revocation of the San Remo Treaty and a withdrawal of the mandate, that would be the least that would satisfy present Arab proposals." It then goes on to point out that the Zionists' effort and the spirit of Jewish nationalism have proved in Palestine even in the present circumstances, to be certainly the only means of redeeming that country from its age-long ruin, and to rebuild it so as to become a worthy and flourishing land, and the British Government and other powers who are signatories of the San Remo Treaty are not likely to throw away this opportunity which means so much to the prosperity of the Near East and the peace of the world, at the bidding of the selfishness and prejudice of the Arabs represented by the London delegation and those who are urging them.

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It is surprising to read in the Jewish press that Mr. Izzy Smith, the Jew who obtained the Victoria Cross during the war, now finds himself in great distress and approaching destitution in consequence of being unable to obtain a livelihood. This, I understand, is in great part due to the state of his health, consequent upon his having been gassed. When one considers the enthusiasm he evoked but a few short years ago, when the country's highest recognition for war bravery was conferred upon him, how he was declared to have brought undying glory upon the Jewish community, and how his name was always thrown in triumphant scorn at anyone who alleged that Jews were no good as soldiers or too cowardly to fight—it does not do the Jewish community credit that Smith is now compelled to seek charity. Mr. Alfred Deane, a co-religionist, interested himself in the war hero, and I am informed, intends to see him set upon his feet. But one would hardly consider it to the credit of the community that such a burden should rest on one man's shoulders, when so many have already felt the benefit of Smith belonging to the community.

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The Educational Department of the Palestine Zionist Executive has to-day under its control 135 schools, of which 53 are kindergartens, 63 primary schools, 3 secondary schools, 3 teachers' colleges, 6 professional schools and 7 workshops. Among the professional schools there are to be noted three music schools, one situated in Jerusalem; one in Jaffa, and another at Haifa. There is also an arts and crafts school, the "Bezalel" school, in Jerusalem, and an evening commercial school in Jerusalem. Another report just to hand says that the Palestine Land Development Company has now in its possession, ready for sale, 13,793 dunams of agricultural land, of which 11,153d. are in the Jezreel Valley, 1,300d. in Kaland, north of Jerusalem, and 1,340 near the Jewish colony, Gedera. The report says the company is concluding several purchases, a number of which were initiated before the war, and which amount to about 37,000d. Of this area about 21,000d. are in Tel-Adas, in the Jezreel Valley, and about 23,000d. in the Kaishon Valley near Haifa. The national fund is purchasing from the company 3,000d. in the Kaishon Valley for the purpose of founding a colony in memory of the late Dr. Tchlenow.

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It is with regret that I have to report that the Rev. Isidore Harris, who has just completed forty years' ministerial duties at Upper Berkeley street, as I said in my last letter, is lying seriously ill at his residence in consequence of severe complications following an attack of the all-too-prevalent influenza. The reverend gentleman on Sunday last, preached at the West End Synagog, prefacing his remarks with a few words expressing his thankfulness that he had been able to complete the notable anniversary, which that day marked, of his ministry at Upper Berkeley street. It was obvious then that he was very indisposed, and was unable to take any but a very small part in the rendering of the service. The latest reports say that there is no improvement in Mr. Harris' condition.

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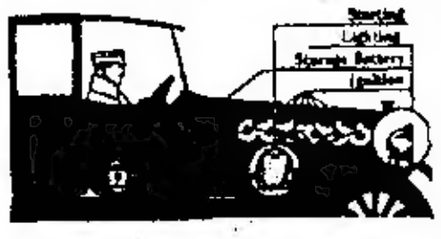

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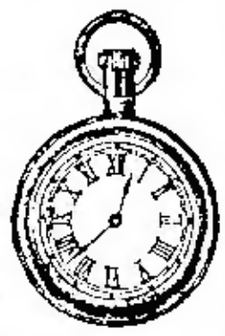

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Some years ago we prided ourselves in believing that we had discovered one of the Jewish novelists. Unswerving readers of this page have no doubt become familiar with our variations on the theme "Zangwill." It has been one of our prejudices to think that English-Jewish fiction began with the appearance of "Children of the Ghetto" and ended when its author abandoned his pen for politics. But when we read over a story called "Kol Nidre in Bohemia," our literary pulse quickened and we cried out, joyfully, "Here is another Hope!" Later we saw several other stories by the same writer, and our first impression was strengthened: here was a fluent, graceful writer, showing unusual understanding of the people he wrote about, gifted with attractive ideas and a strong sense of plot—altogether, all the qualifications that make a true Jewish novelist.

Then this young man—he was approximately in his twenties—dropped out of our sight.

Recently we skimmed through a New Jersey newspaper, and our attention was caught by a little news item telling that a Dr. Leon Mones was elected president of a B'nai Brith lodge in Newark. Here was our Hope! A Ph. D., a communal pillar!

Just to bolster our own belief in our literary judgment and to remind the doctor of the days of promise, we are reprinting below an extract from the story that gave to us a disciple for Mr. Zangwill.

"Kol Nidre in Bohemia," by Leon Mones, deals with the fascination that New York's East Side Bohemia, Second Avenue, had for a timid little cantor of a back street orthodox synagog. This bashful but imaginative little man asks his friend, a sophisticated peddler, to show him the fairyland that he has long dreamed of. The peddler agrees, and nonchalantly guides him to the street. They approach a gaily lit and laughter-echoing cafe.

"Please, Reb Lob, may we look into this place?"

"Why not?" agreed the peddler, "Why not? On the contrary, let's have a look at the lunatics."

Still arm in arm, they approached the place, the peddler scornfully curious, the little cantor timid and expectant, until they were in front of it. They both looked in. The little cantor's face glowed.

He saw a large room white with light. An ever-changing cloud of blue tobacco smoke hung in the air. At white-clothed tables sat men and women chatting and laughing. Waiters with white towels hanging from their arms passed back and forth.

The little cantor gazed and gazed. The smile on his face was wistful. Suddenly he felt the peddler pluck him by the sleeve and heard his voice as from a distance.

"Here comes the apostate with his grinning face, as though he had no burdens in the world. Just rest your eyes on him."

The little cantor looked up and saw Selig Lipow, the musician. At the same moment Selig became aware of them and came toward them with cordial welcome. Both his hands were outstretched.

"Good evening, Reb Lob! Good evening, Reb Cantor! What in the world are you doing here? A most pleasant surprise, trust me, as I am alive."

"Good evening, Reb Selig, good evening," answered the peddler. "What are we doing here? What should we be doing here? Walking, the cantor and I. And where may you be going?"

The musician waved his hand toward the café.

"In there, to pass the evening with my friends," he said.

The cantor came a little closer.

"Please, Reb Selig," he asked, "what do you do there?"

Selig laughed amiably. When he answered, his tone bespoke good-natured condescension.

"Is there a question what to do? We sit and talk. Sometimes we argue."

"About what?"

The musician laughed complacently. "Is there a question about what? Well, music, for instance; sometimes literature, sometimes life. As though it mattered what."

The little cantor took his eyes from Selig and looked at the café. He seemed to be taking one last look before making ready to depart. Suddenly an idea, half of mischief, half of understanding, flashed upon the musician. He turned to the peddler.

"Reb Lob," he suggested invitingly, "Maybe you and the cantor would care to come in for a while? A glass of tea, perhaps a swallow of brandy: what do you say?"

The little cantor trembled with eagerness. He was about to burst out an acceptance. But he heard the peddler say, "A swallow of brandy? Why not? Quite on the contrary! Thank you, Reb Selig."

The little cantor rubbed his hands joyfully.

In they went, with Selig Lipow leading the way. He was perfectly at home, and as he walked past the tables he nodded amiably to right and left. Behind him came the peddler, trying his best to look unconcerned, and in the rear followed the cantor, a grateful smile on his face.

When they reached the middle of the café they stopped, and Selig pointed to a table in the rear. Around it were seated five men, busily chatting.

"My friends," said Selig. "The three on the left are musicians, the other two are writers; they write stories, poems, sketches——"

"Te! te! te!" marveled the peddler. "They don't look a bit like it."

"Well, come," started the musician, "they are waiting for me."

The three approached the table. The occupants rose.

"Good evening! Good evening!" one of them shouted. "At last you are here. Good! Listen to Fuchs. He is reading a new poem. So sweet it melts in one's nose!"

"I can easily believe it. What does Fuchs write that does not melt in one's nose? But one moment. These two are friends of mine. Lob Hirsch and Cantor Peddlin."

The men greeted the cantor and the peddler warmly. They made room and all sat around the table. Then they began to talk. At intervals the waiter brought beer and whiskey and everybody drank. They talked about many things—newspapers, stories, a certain Chaim Lapin who had just written a play.

Both the peddler and the cantor began to feel at home. The peddler even twitted Selig on his loose living. The cantor began singing to himself a part of a new melody he had been composing. Then he began to hum Kol Nidre; he kept his eyes closed and he swayed in his chair from side to side.

On the other side of the café a diner rose and sang. He was loudly applauded.

"A fine bass, a fine bass," commented the cantor, and he began to hum more loudly.

A woman sang. She was applauded until she sang again.

"And you, cantor, and you," suddenly suggested Reb Selig, "maybe you will sing?"

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The little cantor felt a sudden urge, a desire for applause, a wish to sing and give pleasure.

Suddenly he arose and stood at his table. So did Selig and he held up his hand for silence.

"Ladies and gentlemen," he shouted. The people looked at him expectantly. "Cantor Peddlin will sing!"

The room was in silence. Laughter and talking ceased. The little cantor felt a sudden fear; he knew not what to do. He had sung in prayer often enough, but this was different. . .

Suddenly he straightened up and then bowed to the ground. Then he straightened up again. His eyes were shut. In a rich voice he sang the first three prolonged notes of Kol Nidre.

The peddler tried to rise and stop him. Selig held him to his chair. The diners remained in perfect quiet. Even the waiters paused. And the little cantor, with the soul of an artist, sang as if inspired, sang and his voice filled the room, sang Kol Nidre in Bohemia.

The both walked home in silence—the cantor and the peddler. One felt sad and heavy, the other enraged.

"Reb Lob," pleaded the cantor, "Reb Lob!"

"Well?"

"Please, Reb Lob, say nothing about this."

"Why should I? On the contrary. But a shame and disgrace it is. To get so drunk as to sing Kol Nidre to a lot of apostates."

The little cantor never returned to Bohemia. On the Day of Atonement he sang Kol Nidre in the synagog. His eyes were closed and yet he saw. He saw a brilliantly lighted café, crowded with diners. And as he sang they all looked at him fascinated. And when he finished he did not hear the concerted and subdued praying of the congregation, but heard instead an enthusiastic and delighted clapping of hands.

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It is a coincidence that the new play that is being produced by Maurice Schwartz at the Jewish Art Theatre, "Prince Lulu," by Leon Kobrin, should have for its subject an East Side cantor who yields to worldly temptation and sings on Broadway.

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Last week we spoke of the many personalities we could mention belonging to the Metropolitan Opera and the Chicago Opera. We will introduce you to one of the most interesting ones, Rosa Raisa, of the Chicago Opera, now singing in New York.

Raisa has had one of the most adventuresome careers that ever befalls the lot of a young woman with operatic aspirations. She was born in Bialystock, Russia, and there received a slight schooling. It was in the seething days of underground revolution and Rosa's brother made his passionate voice heard in many uncomplimentary references to the Czar and the Russian Government. Eventually, the police cast their suspicious eyes upon him and arrest was imminent. Together with other students, Rosa was forced to leave the country hastily, and after great hardships and greater risks she at last found herself in Capri, Italy, at the age of fourteen, with no means of support.

A kind-hearted woman took pity on the friendless and destitute girl, and having faith in her voice, which then was beginning to become evident, she placed her under the care of the famous vocal teacher, Mme. Marchesi.

Rosa's studies were progressing favorably and her good fortune was heightened when Eva Tetrazzini, who in private life was the late Cleofonte Campanini's wife, heard her and immediately became so interested that she herself coached her in operatic rôles and brought her to the attention of her husband.

In due time Rosa Raisa made her debut at Parma, where Campanini was conductor of the opera house. Her success warranted Campanini in bringing her with him to America when he was appointed director of the Chicago Opera.

She won the Chicago opera-goers and critics with her first appearance. So great, indeed, was her success that news of her travelled in advance to New York, and when the Chicago Opera came here at the end of their Western season and Raisa had made her local début, the critics were ready to pronounce her the greatest dramatic soprano of our times.

As Jeritza today overshadows all other prima donnas, so did Raisa sing in the limelight three years ago. Her popularity may be judged from the fact that when she gave a concert at the New York Hippodrome, she drew one of the largest audiences that had ever been packed into that enormous auditorium.

Perhaps Raisa would not have made such a tremendous impression in New York had it not been for Ab Cahan, editor of the Yiddish "Forwards." Cahan was the first to discover that Raisa came from Bialystock and that she had been a Russian revolutionary. That fact was blazoned forth in the columns of the "Forwards" so conspicuously and with such insistence, that the "Forwards" readers—who are an army of music-lovers that can make an artist at will—elevated the singer to the greatest height of stardom.

To the casual reader this may read strangely. But there are many artists who have to thank Cahan and the "Forwards" for their success. There is at present one New York manager who has risen to be one of the most important managers of artists in America, a man who has under his management some dozen of the world's famous artists, whose success is due solely to the support afforded his undertakings by the readers of the "Forwards."

Raisa, of course, is an artist in her own right. In these times of feverish operatics she may have stepped a little to the background but when things are normal again, musically speaking, Rosa Raisa will take the place she occupied three years ago. With the exception of Jeritza, there is to-day probably no soprano on the operatic stage who can equal Raisa's dramatic —coupled with singing—power.

Rosa Raisa is married to Giacomo Rimini, the baritone, also of the Chicago Opera. And you may have no qualms regarding this information. It was perfectly proper for Giacomo to stand under the chuppat with Rosa.

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Without press puffing, without undue advertising paper, without commotion, Myra Hess, a pianiste from England, made her debut in New York and became at once a feature artist for America. Every critic put in an enthusiastic word for the new player and they were the more eager to do it because Miss Hess and those who sponsored her appearance here made no artist fuss for the debut.

Myra Hess comes from London where she received her musical education in the three academies the English swear by, Trinity College, the Guildhall School of Music, and the Royal Academy of Music. She entered the Academy at the age of twelve and during her studies there gained numerous honors. She was awarded the coveted gold medal for piano playing and later chosen Associate and Fellow. Her finishing studies were under the famous pedagogue, Tobias Mathay.

Miss Hess, as you see, is a fine example for America in that she was entirely home taught.

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Theatre-lovers were afforded a rare treat this week by the Community Players. This group, which has been making wonderful progress in the production of worth-while plays, presented a quadruple bill of unusual interest. The performance had a truly professional note, in that late-comers disturbed the audience after the curtain had gone up; very much "as it is done" on Broadway. "A Night at an Inn," that gruesomely tragic little thriller from Lord Dunsany's pen, held the audience in the grip of sheer horror. "The Old Lady Shows Her Medals" (Barrie) was admirably well executed. Mr. Kennedy, who played the "sojerman of the Black Watch," gave an exceptionally fine study. In "A Soiree on the Neva," by Melchoir Lengyel, although the acting was by no means mediocre, the result, still, was not as fine as that of the other playlets. Messrs. Jack Presner and J. Friedman filled the minor roles of lackey and mushik adequately. Mr. Jack Presner also took the part of the Second Priest of Klesh in the Dunsany playlet. It was in "Episode," a chapter from Arthur Schnitzler's "Anatol" stories, that Rupert Caplan scored a success with an excellent interpretation of Anatol.

Miss Dorothy Davis, who will be remembered as the actress-daughter in "Poets and Playwrights," will in all probability be in the cast of the next Community Players production.

From play to concert is not a far step. The memory of Brahms—he who was referred to by Hans von Bulov as the third great "B" in music—was fittingly honored on Saturday last in Channing Hall, when Saul Brant and Geo. M. Brewer gave the master's three sonatas for violin and piano.

Mr. Jacob Rosmarin, well-known among music-lovers for his work along these lines was largely responsible for a concert of great appeal at the B'nai Jacob Synagog. A mixed choir of 50 voices presented Jewish folk-songs. Solos, too, were interspersed. It is the first time Canadian Jews have had a concert of this nature; let us trust that it will not be the last.

Miss Sarah Fischer, now a member of the British National Opera Company is engaged to sing Eva in the "Mastersingers." London newspapers extend a cordial greeting to this young Montreal singer.

Mrs. O. L. Kerner, corresponding secretary for the Council of Jewish Women, represented the Council in the delegation from Montreal women organizations that went to Quebec on Thursday the ninth to ask the Provincial government to grant facilities for a bill extending the vote to the women of Quebec. Re the failure of the delegation, Mrs. Kerner said: "I think the delegation did a lot of good, and made them know we are alive. In the end they will bow to the inevitable. I am not at all disappointed with the results for they are not final; the real results are coming. We know now what we are up against, and we feel sure that in the end we shall be victorious. I was impressed with the fact that the atmosphere was not in the least antagonistic. Men are coming out of the medieval into the present day feeling about women, and I feel that Mr. Taschereau, who represents rather the old school of thought, is coming out with the others. The Local Council of Jewish Women will certainly co-operate with other organizations in the province and stand right in the line with them in the educational campaign for the vote."

At a meeting of the Miriam Brainin-Ortenberg Chapter of the Hadassah, Dr. S. Ortenberg gave an address on "Family Life from a Physician's Point of View," stressing the part that psychometry or the science of divining mental process, plays in the doctor's diagnosis.

Largely through the efforts of Lionel Coviensky, Montreal has contributed over $20,000 to the Jewish War Memorial Fund. The object of this memorial, as explained by Chief Rabbi J. H. Hertz, on his visit here last August, is to establish a college of Jewish learning for the training of rabbis, and to make better provision for the Jewish ministry. A meeting is being called in London by Lord Rothschild for the month of April to consider plans for the building of the college, which it is expected will be erected in London.

Rev. Dr. Abramovitz delivered an address at the last meeting of the B'nai Jacob Young People's Society. The balance of the program was made up as follows: Vocalist, Miss Leah Marks, accompanied by Miss Pauline Kanigsberg; elocutionist, Miss Esther Bindman; piano solo, Miss Annie Yelin; violinist, Mr. S. Lang. A paper was read by Mr. Norbert Enzer.

Young people's assemblies are "quite the go" nowadays. Along with cantors, talmud torahs and "sich-like," comes the social and literary meeting. Which — — is all as it should be! At the last assembly of the Y.P. Society of the Spanish and Portugese Synagog, Mr. Laz. Philips, B.C.L., addressed the gathering. Henry Eccenberg, accompanied by Miss Bessie Eccenberg, rendered a violin solo. Later there were selections by Miss Doretta Stork's Musical Quartette. The reception committee for the evening was composed of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Rose, and Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Gross.

The social committee of the Temple Emmanu El Sisterhood, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Maurice Levi, gave the third of its little social dances in the Lecture Hall of the Temple on February 16. As an informal "get together," the evening was a marked success.

The Religious School of the Temple has been doing pioneer work along several lines. Some time ago the children of the School undertook the adoption of an orphan boy, whom they take care of by means of their weekly collections.

Several boys are being taught the "whys, wherefores, and won'ts" (especially won'ts) of a motion picture machine so that the machine for the Religious School can be run by "home talent." Pictures of interest are shown to the children bi-monthly, the "Story of the Creation" being scheduled for February 19.

Two post-graduate classes have been formed so that the children who have been confirmed may carry their religious studies further. The members of these two classes have formed a group known as the Temple Juniors, which meets with Rabbi Max J. Merrit twice a month as a reading and social club.

Livishin, of football fame, played a good game for the "red and white" when McGill won from Queens (31-24) in the first intercollegiate basketball game of the season.

Dr. Joseph Kaufman, who spent some time abroad, has returned to Montreal.

Miss Helen Y. Reid, LL.D., who was decorated for distinguished service during the war, was the speaker at the meeting of the Sisterhood of the Spanish and Portugese Synagog on February 16.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Schaffer announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Mattie, to Dr. Samuel H. Feldman of Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Meiselman, Mount Royal Avenue, entertained on the occasion of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Mrs. Meiselman was assisted in receiving by Mrs. J. Ussher. Decorations were carried out in pink carnations and yellow daffodils. The young ladies serving were Misses Bessie and Sarah Rosenbaum, Sadie Ussher, Calba Lecker, D. Friedman and S. Shapiro. Mrs. Joseph Cohen and Mrs. Henry Hovintz cut the ices. Miss Jenny Genser, Miss Takefman, and Mr. and Mrs. Rost rendered several musical numbers.

The marriage of Miss Shirley Cohen, youngest daughter of Mr. A. Cohen and the late Mrs. Cohen, to Mr. Jack Levine, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Levine of Belfast, Ireland, took place February 4 at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. I. Goldwater. The Rev. Dr. H. Abramovitch officiated.

The Daughters of the Empire are tendering a luncheon to Lady Byng at the Ritz-Carlton on February 23. All members of the Grace Aguilar Chapter, I.O.D.E., who wish to attend, are asked to communicate with Mrs. S. Saxe, regent.

Mrs. Wm. Holzman entertained at a luncheon on February 7 at the Greenwich Village Tea Rooms in honor of Miss Pauline Daniels and Miss Sally Morse, brides-elect of this month, afterwards taking her guests to the theatre.

Among others who entertained for Miss Daniels, whose marriage to Mr. D. B. Taub takes place this month, were Mrs. J. Hovintz, Marlowe Avenue, and Mrs. I. Bald, St. Joseph Boulevard, and Miss Mollie Bald who entertained for both Miss Daniels and Miss Morse.

The subject of the Toronto vs. McGill Menorah debate is, "Resolved that the Convocation of a Canadian Jewish Congress at the present moment is both feasible and necessary." Messrs. Otto Klineberg, M.A., president of the McGill Menorah, and Harry Bradshaw, faculty of Law, McGill, are on the negative side, opposed to Messrs. J. M. Stuchen, B.A., and David Eisen, Medicine, who are representing University of Toronto.

Miss Sally Morse, of Brookline, Mass., is in town for a few weeks, the guest of Mrs. L. B. Daniels, 29 Brillon Avenue.

Mrs. C. Gerner will sail on the S.S. Aquitania from New York for Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Heillig announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennie, to Capt. Horace Cohen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyon Cohen.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Suritzman announce the engagement of their daughter, Lillian, to Dr. Meyer Solomon.

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Berlin about two weeks ago, has already returned home. This is a much different ending to his visit than was expected by him and the officials of the Famous Players. The maker of "Deception," "Passion," "One Arabian Night" and other pictures that have been a revelation to this country, had intended to produce important screen plays in Hollywood, and doubtless Mr. Lubitsch also expected that the newspapers would give him some recognition for his work, which is so much in advance of most other efforts in the same field. Instead, his visit here was as unnoticed by the press as if he had been a super, and when rumors were heard of his intended productions here it is alleged that he received unpleasant letters and notifications from the Actors' Equity Association and private individuals which stressed that foreign element was not welcome in the American motion pictures. Lubitsch had too much respect for himself and his art to engage in bickering, and so left for his home, where he has been able to do such fine things.

The Lubitsch incident shows the intensity of jealous feeling among the movie element in this country who fear for their undeserved laurels. We hardly think that Griffith made any objection to Lubitsch working in America. Nor we, the mob audience, for whom pictures are made.

—Joseph Kaye.